GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION OF FOREIGN LAW FIRM IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow foreign Solicitor firms to participate in Indian Judicial process;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Bar Council of India has been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the suggestion given by the Bar Council of India;

(e) the reaction of the Government on the suggestions of Bar Council; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R BHARDWAJ)

(a) There is no proposal to allow foreign solicitors to participate in Judicial process.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The issue of allowing foreign law firms to establish their offices to give legal advice and assistance on Foreign Law is being discussed with all the Stake holders including the Bar Council of India.

(d) Views of the Bar Councfl of India are being awaited.

(e)&(f) The government will take a decision after considering the views of Bar Council of India in the best interest of the legal profession.